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In re Application Of:	)	Group Art Unit: TBA
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RIGGINS et al.	)	BOX: PETITIONS
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Serial No.: 09/853,880	)	
	)	Docket No. 000250.00003
Filed: May 14, 2001	)	

For: FOUR GENETIC TUMOR MARKERS FOR HUMAN GLIOBLASTOMA

DECLARATION OF ANN ALPHA

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Attn: Petitions Branch

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Dear Sir:

I, Ann Alpha declare:

1. That, I am manager of the docketing department at Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.

2. That, it is our practice to keep a log recording all filings in the PTO. Each filing is recorded separately, identifying the date and time of deposit in the docketing department's drop box, docket number, inventor name, description of filing, destination, and attorney and secretary initials. This information is recorded by the secretary who deposits the filing.

3. That, a sheet from our log shows that the application identified above contained 4 sheets of drawings when deposited in the docketing department's drop box. See Exhibit I, third entry. The log indicates that a "utility pat. appl., 4 sheets dwgs; IDS w/refs; Sequence Listing (comp. & paper)" were deposited.

4. That, upon receipt of filings in the docketing department's drop box, it is our routine procedure to enter information regarding each filing into our computer docket

system. It is our routine practice that I personally perform this task. I personally entered into the system the information regarding this filing, including that there were "4 sheets of drawings, Figs. 1-4". See Exhibit II which is a print-out of our docket for the application identified above. The information which I entered was obtained by my personal inspection of the documents placed in the docketing department's drop box.

5. That, after I review all filings in the docketing department's drop box and record their details in our computer docket system, a courier checks that each item to be filed listed on the log is actually taken by him. He notes his receipt of each item on the log by placing his initials next to each item. See Exhibit I. The log indicates that the courier took item number 30 which was the application identified above.

6. That, all statements made herein are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

12/18/2001
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